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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 0296

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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT'S JAN 26 STATEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST

REF: STATE 019613; KHARTOUM 0269

1. AFTER BEING KEPT WAITING THREE DAYS, I WAS AT LENGTH
ABLE DELIVER COPY DEPT'S STATEMENT (STATE 019616) TO
FONOFF USEC MIRGHANI JAN 30. IN DOING SO, I MADE SAME POINTS
AS TO ABU ZEID (KHARTOUM REFTEL). EMPHASIZED TO MIRGHANI OUR
VIEW THAT THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION WOULD HAVE WEAKENED OUR
EFFECTIVENESS IN FUTURE PEACE EFFORTS AND THAT THE SECURITY
COUNCIL IS NOT RPT NOT THE FORUM FOR NEGOTIATIONS AMONG THE
PARTIES.

2. TOLD MIRGHANI I HAD JUST READ HIS OWN STATEMENT IN JAN 30
AL AYAM EXPRESSING REGRET AT USG VETO. HIS COMMENT
THAT PROPOSED RESOLUTION DID NOT DEPART FROM THE PREVIOUS RESOLU-
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TIONS ON THE SUBJECT WAS NOT, AS HE WELL KNEW, OUR VIEW. I

EXPRESSED PERSONAL REGRET THAT THIS POINT HAD BEEN MADE AND THAT STATEMENT HAD BEEN ISSUED BEFORE I HAD BEEN GIVEN OPPORTUNITY PRESENT DEPT'S DETAILED VIEWS FOLLOWING VETO. I REITERATED THAT WE WERE LOOKING FORWARD, NOT BACKWARD, AND WERE DETERMINED MOVE AHEAD WITH NEGOTIATING PROCESS IN EXISTING FRAMEWORK. WE HOPED ALL HANDS WOULD APPROACH PROBLEM IN SAME CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT. LOOKING SLIGHTLY EMBARRASSED, MIRGHANI INDICATED GOS HAD HAD TO TAKE SOME PUBLIC POSITION, THAT IT WAS IN LINE WITH SIMILAR EGYPTIAN STATEMENT AND THAT REFERENCE TO DRAFT RESOLUTION NOT DEPARTING FROM PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS SERVED TO CONFIRM CONTINUING GOS SUPPORT FOR LATTER. MAIN PURPOSE IN ISSUING STATEMENT, CONTINUED MIRGHANI, WAS TO EMPHASIZE GOS REGRET THAT USG ACTION HAD "NEGLECTED RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS", PREFERRING CONTINUING TALK ABOUT THEIR "INTERESTS." RESPONDED I ASSUMED GOS STILL SHARED OUR VIEW THAT MID EAST PROBLEM SHOULD BE SETTLED BY NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT USG IN UNIQUE POSITION BE HELPFUL BOTH SIDES. WE JUDGED PROPOSED RESOLUTION WOULD HAVE MADE OUR TASK HARDER AND SET BACK CHANCES FOR PROGRESS. CONFIRMING CONTINUING SUDANESE INTEREST IN PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT, MIRGHANI SAID HE AGREED THERE WAS DIFFERENCE IN JUDGMENT ON TACTICS. ARABS HAD THOUGHT STRESS ON "RIGHTS" OF PALESTINIANS WOULD HAVE HELPED MOVE THINGS ALONG. I CALLED HIS PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO REFERENCE IN STATEMENT THAT WE HAD NO PRECONCEPTIONS AS TO NATURE SOLUTION OF ALL ISSUES YET REMAINING AS IT INVOLVES PALESTINIANS. MIRGHANI BRIGHTENED AND INDICATED THIS WOULD BE CALLED PARTICULARLY TO PRESIDENT'S ATTENTION.

3. COMMENT. MY APPOINTMENT NO DOUBT DELAYED TO PERMIT PRIOR RELEASE GOS STATEMENT. SUDANESE NO DOUBT REGARD TEXT (WHICH WE ASSUME AVAILABLE THROUGH FBIS) THE MINIMUM REQUIRED PUBLICLY IN WAKE POSITIONS TAKEN BY OTHER ARABS, NOTABLY EGYPT. BREWER

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